

SAINT MARGARET.

BY DEREK VANE.

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PART I.

"What are you doing now, Stormont?" Have you anything big on hand?" asked Jasper Farrell, as he sat on the little veranda outside his friend's studio, puffing contentedly at a fragrant cigar—a cigar quite out of proportion to his means, by the way, but then Jasper's income was small and his tastes were large, so he did not let one interfere with the other more than was absolutely necessary.

Adrian Stormont lived at Sunbury in a little house with a garden running down to the river, and he was leaning back in a deck chair idly watching the boats as they went past with their varied freight; the men in white flannels, who were taking things easily because there was a girl on the red-cushioned seat to talk to, and the club men in "sweaters," who gave no thought to girls, as they flew along under the stern eye of the coxswain, but only to the coming race.

"I beg your pardon," Adrian said, remembering that he had been asked a question. "What am I doing, did you say? Well, nothing much just at present, but I am contemplating something big, though I don't know whether I shall ever arrive at it. I have received a communication from the ancient borough of Stonehaven, making me a proposal to paint a 'Saint Margaret' for their town hall. Saint Margaret, you must know, is the patron saint of Stonehaven, and they are very proud of her."

"Well, why do you hesitate? I don't see much difficulty about that; on the contrary you are to be congratulated." "But that isn't quite all," said Adrian, a little drily. "Saint Margaret is the type of all that is innocent and beautiful in woman; she is a pure, ethereal creature, bearing the martyr's palm and crown. As you know, my figure studies have been chiefly men, I have rarely employed a female model, and in any case my hired model would answer my idea of Saint Margaret. So I am at a standstill."

"Oh, I know you have always fought shy of women and shut yourself up here like a Diogenes in his tub. You are almost as innocent of the world as a baby; but it is not quite the wicked place you fancy, and there are Saint Margarets to be found in it yet." "I don't know," rejoined Adrian, "that I have thought of it as very wicked, but the few women I have met have all seemed to me very much alike, not much better than we are. Now I want a woman who is as different to man as light to darkness, whose innate goodness shines in her beautiful face, making it tender and pitiful to the sin she could not commit, but can understand; a saint to be worshipped, and yet, his voice dropping, 'a woman to be loved.'"

"I am afraid I cannot help you. You want so much; she must be a beauty and a pattern of all the virtues as well; the two so seldom go together, you see. Virtue is rightly considered as the privilege of the plain. And she must be a model you say, or I know a very nice little girl—"

"Oh, no, not a model," interrupted Adrian, impatiently. "Fancy a creature who simper to you for so much an hour, posing as Saint Margaret!" Jasper shrugged his shoulders. "As I said before, your notions are a little exaggerated," he remarked. "Why can't you idealize like other men? Saints don't come and sit for their portraits unfortunately."

"I am not so unreasonable as to expect my ideal complete in the flesh," replied Adrian, "but I must have youth and innocence, at least; I must paint my saint from one not altogether unworthy to stand in her place."

There was no reply. Jasper was smoking, and his thoughts seemed to have drifted away. But presently he roused himself. He blew a ring of smoke slowly into the air and watched it fade before he spoke. Then he said: "I think perhaps I can help you after all." He spoke very deliberately as though he were weighing each word. Adrian turned to him eagerly. "Really? I shall be very much obliged to you if you can."

"I know a girl who should suit you well in every respect, if she will consent to sit," he went on, still in the same deliberate way. "She is beautiful—with the beauty of a saint or an angel, there is something almost unearthly about it—and, very slowly, I have never heard a word against her."

"But will she come? Do you think you can persuade her to sit for me? (Is she a friend of yours?)" Adrian poured out his questions, too eager and interested to notice the strangeness of Jasper's manner.

"I have known her some time, and I will make the proposal to her, if you like. She has a widowed mother to support—it is astonishing how many widowed mothers there are in the world who need supporting—and that may influence her. It won't be such drudgery as teaching. I suppose I may offer liberal terms."

"Anything you like if she will suit. When can I see her? She is teaching, you say, so perhaps it would be convenient to her to come down some evening for an interview?"

"I think not—I mean it is rather a long way to come so late—she is living in London." Jasper replied, with odd embarrassment. "But if she will consent to sit for your sweet saint, I will

tell her to write and make an appointment to see you. I have not much fear but what you will find her all that you desire."

So it was settled, and Jasper shortly returned to town. He would not listen to a word of thanks from Adrian, interrupting him unceremoniously when he would have expressed his gratitude.

Adrian waited in some anxiety for the result of his friend's negotiations and breathed a sigh of relief when he had a little note, saying the writer, who signed herself "Bernice Kerr," would call on him that afternoon. The handwriting pleased him, also the name, and he told himself it was a good omen; the fates were showing themselves propitious and he would find his Saint Margaret.

And when he saw her he was not disappointed.

She was young and fair and full of grace. Tall and slender of limb, she stood before him, with her snow-white skin, her deep brown hair, her deep violet eyes—eyes that shone like stars in her pale face. As Jasper had said there was something almost unearthly about her beauty; it was so pure and spiritual. The mind could harbor no evil that gave expression to such a face.

Adrian stood a moment, motionless, almost holding his breath. Was he dreaming? Had the Saint Margaret of his visions come to life? He had seen so few women that she seemed to him a veritable miracle. He did not notice the shabby setting of the gem, the too sharp outlines of the delicate cheek and chin, the deep shadows under the violet eyes, or they but gave the touch of pathos, which completed the picture. He wanted just that wistful expression, the knowledge of past sorrow and suffering deepening the starry eyes.

A slow smile came over her face as he looked.

"Shall I do?" she asked softly. He awoke with a start. "I beg your pardon, I—" he stammered. Then he stopped and recovered himself. "You will do perfectly," he said, gravely. "If you will honor me by sitting for my Saint Margaret, I could ask for no better model."

She looked at him a little thoughtfully. "Very well," she replied, "I will come to-morrow if you like. I am free every afternoon."

The first time she sat to him Adrian saw that she knew how to pose herself; he had only to suggest and she seemed to fall into the right attitude at once. As she stood on the throne, crowned with palm, holding up a cross, her white robe falling back from her lovely arms, the light of glorified martyrdom shining in her face, his heart beat faster and his hand almost trembled. Could he do justice to such a picture? Was his hand strong enough to cope with a masterpiece of the great Creator?

As time went on Adrian discovered that she had charms of mind as well as body; when she began to talk—at first



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she was very silent and reserved—he found that she had many original thoughts and graceful fancies. She was not highly cultured, but she was very intelligent and receptive; her manners, too, were simple and natural, and nothing she said or did ever jarred even on his perhaps ultra-refinement. But though after a time she would talk freely enough on most topics, she was very reticent about herself and her own affairs, and Adrian, seeing this, with his usual delicate consideration, avoided touching on personal matters; she had not a very happy home, he fancied.

Perhaps the pleasantest half-hour in the afternoon was when she came down from the throne for a rest, and the housekeeper brought in tea. She was woman enough to appreciate the dainty arrangements of the tea-tray, and Adrian liked to see her handling his old Worcester, pouring out his cream, and eating his cakes; she seemed more woman than saint then. They would discuss the progress of the picture, for she could take an intelligent interest in his work, and he had more than once profited by her suggestions. It pleased him to see that, so far from her unusual

occupation tiring her, she seemed to enjoy it; she was looking brighter and happier than when she had first come to him.

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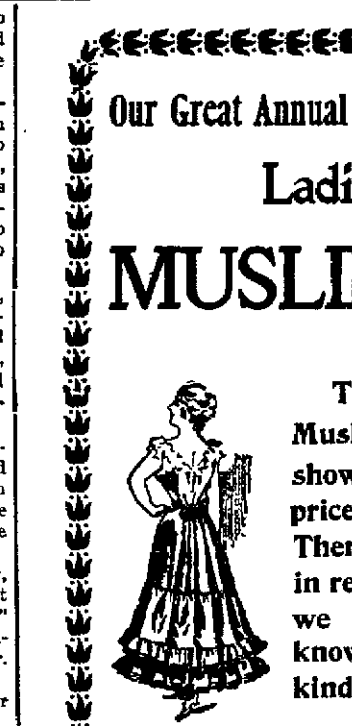
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WEATHER.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Illinois: Fair to night with warmer weather in the north; Saturday, partly cloudy and warmer, with snow flurries in the north; variable winds.

It looks more and more, as the investigation proceeds, that the Maine was destroyed by enemies. If this proves to be the case it will be the liveliest time Spain has seen in many a day.

The monitor Terror will be heard from in the harbor at Havana should war be declared and Spain will learn what she refuses to admit now, that there is some power in the American navy.

In case of war, should Spain attempt the bombardment of any of our important seacoast cities there will be a revelation to the effect that "Xankee dogs" know something about self defense.

Good old McKinley receipts are likely to be the rule in the treasury department. Treasury officials now feel confident that the receipts for the month will surpass those of any February since the McKinley law was in operation and supplying sufficient funds to meet the expenditures of the department. The receipts during the first half of February were a little over a million dollars a day, including Sundays, and it is expected will reach \$99,000,000 for the month, which will be nearly 25 per cent in excess of average February receipts during the operations of the Wilson law, and will just about equal the average February receipts during the period in which the McKinley law operated normally. The McKinley receipts in the first three years of the McKinley law averaged \$99,700,000, while those of the three years of the Wilson law averaged \$98,700,000. It seems probable that the new law will in the present month nearly or quite reach the standard established by the McKinley law during the first three years, in which it supplied all necessary funds for current expenditures, as it would have done in its fourth year but for the impending shadow of tariff reduction promised by Mr. Cleveland and his free trade congress.

Trust McKinley.

At the present time the country is more willing to trust the administration fully in the Cuban affair than at any time since the rebellion in Cuba was inaugurated, over three years ago. The explosion of the Maine, with the appalling loss of life that attended it, has brought the most enthusiastic advocates of intervention and war to a full realization of what a crisis approaching war means.

They realize now its awful responsibilities and appreciate the fact that that responsibility rests with the president and that as ex-President Harrison put it, the president cannot divide that responsibility with any man, but must bear it alone. The prompt action of President McKinley in assembling the Atlantic squadron where it can strike quickly, has demonstrated that he is fully alive to the situation and that in the naval board discovery the destruction of the Maine was due to treachery diplomacy will give way to force.

It is very clear also that the object of the president has been to avoid a conflict and not to precipitate a war, while at the same time he has been firm in the demands he has made of Spain. He has succeeded in securing the release of all Americans imprisoned by Spain in Cuba whether suspected or actual participants in the rebellion. He not only succeeded in accomplishing this, but forced Weyler and Weylerism out of Cuba and brought about a more humane method on the part of Spain in prosecuting the war against the Cubans. Those who want to rush blindly into war do not give the president credit for accomplishing any of these things, but have been inclined to hold him responsible for failure to bring on a war with Spain.

Those who smile the patriots of the president because he has not brought on a conflict with Spain do not consider the fact that he was a patriot when it re-

quired courage to be a patriot; that he went early into the service of his country as a soldier in 1861 and remained until the downfall of the rebellion in 1865, that on many bloody fields he displayed a heroism that was an honor to himself and his country and that never during all that trying period did he feel it incumbent upon him to exploit his patriotism by cries for blood or by fiery speech, yet he was never found wanting. When the Cuban trouble has ended and the president's course has been measured by the calm judgment of the people it will be seen that his course was governed by the highest order of patriotism and that no act of his will ever be pointed out as a stain upon the honor and dignity of his country.

Getting Our Jobs Back.

Workingmen and other interested in employment for American labor will be interested in the fact that there have been, since the enactment of the Dingley law, reductions in the importations of manufactured goods of the class similar to those produced by the manufacturers of this country. A comparison of the importations of the leading American articles in the first five months of the Dingley law with those of the corresponding five months of last year under the Wilson law shows a very gratifying reduction, while at the same time the reports of the treasury department show a steady increase in revenues collected. It is now quite apparent that the new law is going to do all the good things promised for it: first, reduce largely the importations of the class of goods in whose manufacture so many American citizens are employed and interested, and, second, supply ample revenue.

The following table shows the importations of these leading articles in the first five months of the Dingley law, from August 1 to December 31, 1897, compared with the corresponding months of the preceding year under the Wilson law, from August 1 to December 31, 1896:

Dingley.	Wilson.
Woolen manufactures.....\$3,256,914	\$1,775,279
Cotton manufactures.....9,164,970	11,348,612
Fibers, manufactures of.....6,751,653	10,367,093
Silk, manufactures of.....8,254,461	8,070,760
Wood, manufactures of.....5,079,380	8,115,761
Pottery.....2,915,265	4,313,626
Glass and glassware.....1,422,313	2,273,238
Iron and steel.....4,318,336	6,641,705
Leather, manufactures of.....2,486,501	2,546,608
Tobacco, manufactures of.....721,161	911,254

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, 1897.

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The Most Fatal Disease.

It is not generally known that more adults die of kidney trouble than any other disease. When the first symptoms of this disease appear, no time should be lost in taking Foley's Kidney Cure which is guaranteed or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

D. W. Jenkins and Miss F. Brickett have borrowed money from the Gillman Building and Loan Association to build residences in that place.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

S. O. Siddon and wife of Gibson City celebrated their golden wedding February 13. Mr. Siddon was in the Mexican war and the late rebellion.

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Carbondale and Evans could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Haemoptysis. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores.

Rev. A. C. Olsen has resigned the pastorate of the Clifton German Lutheran church, after filling that position 29 years.

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SEWER PIPE,
TILE,
CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

RAIN IN CALIFORNIA.

The Long Drought Broken at Last—
Crops Saved.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The much needed rain came at last and ended the long drought which seriously threatened the farming regions of the principal valleys in California. The downpour which commenced shortly before midnight Wednesday has been the heaviest for some time past, extending all over the northern part of the state and as far south as Monterey. Only the extreme southern portion of the state seems to have escaped a drenching. Los Angeles county was visited with but light showers, barely sufficient to do much good, but the indications are that more rain is coming. This storm insures crops from Mead northward to the state line. The summer fallow has been kept in good condition and the winter sown grain is barely up. It will require but little more rain to guarantee good crops on all summer fallowed land north of Stockton.

When you are suffering from Catarrh or Cold in the head you want relief right away. Only 10 cents is required to test it. Ask your druggist for the trial size of Ely's Cream Balm, or buy the 50c size. We mail it.

ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City
I was afflicted with catarrh last autumn. During the month of October I could neither taste nor smell and could hear but little. Ely's Cream Balm cured it.—Marcus Geo. Shantz, Rahway, N. J.

G. Levy is completing arrangements to build a second story on his store building in Farmer City, occupied by Hammer & Webb.

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

The semi-annual meeting of the Tazewell Co-operation of Christian churches will be held at Minier February 24 and 25.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krohn.

Lemuel Wilkoff of Maroa has sold the B. W. Clough 80 acre farm to Minor Allison for \$6400.

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Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merit. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling, Drug gists.

The best show of the week tonight at the opera house.

Fred Milobert, for 40 years a resident of Minook, will move to Lorraine, Kan., to make his future home.

In London one policeman is required for every 313 of the population; in the boroughs one for every 697 and in the rural districts one for every 1150.

There are two ways to tell whether a girl is in love with you ask her or don't ask her.

TREES THAT REALLY TOWER.

Take Root in the Crevices of a Stone Steeple.

About 18 years ago the residents of Greensburg were astonished to see quite a number of green sprouts growing from this tower, and upon examination found that, by some hook or crook, some maple seeds had germinated and were growing. As the tower is built of limestone blocks one foot thick laid up with hydraulic cement, no one had any idea that these seedlings would live more than one season at most; but strange to say seven of them not only found root but grew and thrived. In a few years these miniature trees had so pushed their roots into what seemed to be an impenetrable surface that the tower was in danger, and all but two were cut down. The wood of these trees was so hard that it could scarcely be cut with any edged tool, and the roots were just the shape of the crevices they had made between the stones. The largest tree now living is 18 feet high, about that many years old and bids fair to live many years yet if left alone. This tower is the pride of Greensburg, and the first questions asked by strangers are: "What do these trees live on, and how did they gain a foothold?" Many scientists have visited these high-minded eccentric trees, but if they gave any satisfactory theory of their growth I did not hear of it.—Rural New Yorker.

Rigamy Common in Italy.

Italy is said to have more bigamists than any other European country. This is made possible because the church refuses to recognize civil marriages, and the state does not regard a church marriage as binding. The result is that unscrupulous men marry two wives—one with the sanction of the church, the other with the sanction of the law.—N. Y. Sun.

Not So Bad as It Might Be.

"If you sorry for big brother died, Timmy?"

"Oh, I dunno; I kin have pants that fits me, now."—Truth.



NEW REVENUE BILL

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"In counties under township organization of less than 125,000 inhabitants, the clerk of the county court, the chairman of the county board and some citizen resident of the county, to be appointed by the county judge on or before June 1 of each year shall constitute a board of review to review the assessments made by the county supervisor of assessments. In counties not under township organization, the board of county commissioners shall constitute the board of review. In Cook county a board of review, consisting of three members is to be elected.

"In Cook county the limit of municipal indebtedness is fixed at 2½ per cent of the assessed value, and the limit of the aggregate tax levy at 5 per cent thereof. "The limitations are not changed outside of Cook county. "The state board of equalization may increase or decrease the aggregate assessment 10 per cent."

DECATUR MAY GET IT.

It is possible that the State Farmers' Institute will be Brought Here.

It is possible that the state farmers' institute will be held in Decatur next year. This morning C. A. Thrift and wife, John Rucker and George W. Botzer, who have been at Springfield attending the institute, returned home. Mr. Thrift, in speaking of the matter, said that the Macon county delegates had been working hard to get the next institute for Decatur and that he thought the chances for securing it were good. Galesburg and several other places are in the race, but Decatur seems to be in the lead. The matter will be decided at a meeting of the officers of the Illinois association, which will be held at Springfield next week, when the business of the institute will be settled and the location for next year selected. The state institute would not in the least interfere with the county institute and would bring to the city a large number of farmers and business men from all parts of the state.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 25					
	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Close.	Yea- r's ad.
Wheat—					
Feb.	1 3/8	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4	103 1/2
May	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	103 1/2
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Oct.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	103 1/2
Dec.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	103 1/2
Jan.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	103 1/2
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Feb.	29 1/2	30 1/4	29 1/8	29 3/4	25 1/2
May	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	25 1/2
 Pork—					
May.	10.00	10.75	10.50	10.50	10.25
 Lard					
May.	5.39	5.25	5.20	5.20	5.16 1/2
 Ribs					
May.	5.16	6.17 1/2	5.12 1/2	5.12 1/2	5.15

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of fashion will welcome this bit of bargain. You've patronized our Furnishing Department that style and quality are never sacrificed at the same time we're contented with a fact that accounts for the fact that our prices are dwarfed as compared with other shops. A Shirt Sale for today—just to show how easy it is to save money on Fashionable

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Colored Bosom Shirts—"Silver" and "Gold" brand—extra match bosom—a full line of sizes—worth to \$1.25—at—

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dozen Men's Fancy All Over Shirts—many neat stripe shirts—some have cuffs and collars—others have cuffs only at \$1.00 shirts and we've had them as a leader at 89c—marked—

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Black Seamless Stockings—good value at 8 1/2c Saturday at—

5c pair

Gray Silk Fleece Stockings—would be cheap at 12 1/2c Saturday at—

9c pair

Specialty of Women's Stockings at 25c a pair, and call for leaders:

Red Maco Stockings—

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and 39c—Choice Saturday at—

25c pair

Black Ribbed Stockings—plain and fleeced—all sizes—10c or

3 pairs for 25c

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CHARLES H. DUELL

New Commissioner of Patents is a Man of Known Probity.

The United States patent office has been again favored with a commissioner of known ability and probity. There is hardly a public man in the official life of Washington who is charged with more responsibility than the commissioner, on whom rests the conservation of great interests. It is requisite that the incumbent of this office shall have a competent knowledge of practice before the patent office and be a lawyer as well. Mr. Charles H. Duell, of Syracuse, N. Y., who has been appointed by the president, admirably fulfills both of these qualifications. He has long ranked high as a practitioner in patent cases before the courts, says the Science



CHARLES H. DUELL

(United States Commissioner of Patents) A little American, and he probably has few equals in this specialty. His practice has been extensive and has covered a great number of cases. He has attained a large degree of success, having had many cases where the interests involved were of large import. These he has handled with skill and prudence.

The appointment will probably mean a considerable financial sacrifice, as it will interrupt a lucrative practice, and the position of honor to which he has been appointed is inadequately paid. Mr. Duell's appointment will be received with general public favor, and it is considered one of the most fortunate of President McKinley's nominations. The new commissioner was a candidate at the beginning of President McKinley's administration, but the latter wished to appoint his old personal friend, Congressman Butlerworth. The death of Mr. Butlerworth gave the president the opportunity of recognizing Mr. Duell's candidacy by nominating him.

Mr. Duell was born at Cortland, N. Y., in 1850; his father, R. Holland Duell, was four times sent to congress, and in 1873 he was appointed commissioner of patents, which office he held for two years. Mr. C. H. Duell received a preliminary education in the Cortland Normal school; he then entered Hamilton college, from which he graduated in 1871. He was an honor man in his class and took several prizes. He has held some political offices honorably and acceptably to his constituents.

VICTIM OF HIS GREED.

Dog's Head Caught in Pitcher from Which He Was Stealing Milk.

Most missionaries belonging to the great English missionary societies, says the Strand, are now provided with cameras, and they are thus enabled to send to headquarters many delightful little photographs, of which the one here reproduced is a delightful example. It was taken by the late Rev. J. P. Nicklison, of the Church Missionary society, and was kindly forwarded



TOO GREEDY BY FAR.
(Dog's Love for Milk Leads to Comical Results)

to us by his brother, Rev. Ernest Nicklison, of Margate. The missionary's dog one day came upon a big enameled iron jug full of milk, and into this it incautiously thrust its head with great force. It drank steadily for some time, and then, wishing to breathe more freely and look around generally, it tried to withdraw, but found it impossible. The noise the dog made attracted the notice of Mr. J. P. Nicklison, who photographed the comical incident before releasing the dog.

Largest Stone Ever Quarried.

It is claimed that the largest single stone ever quarried is the Wisconsin monolith, which is 115 feet long, ten feet square at the base and four feet square at the top. This stone was taken from the red sandstone quarries of F. Prentice, at Houghton Point, Wis., and it was originally proposed to send it to the Chicago exposition as a Wisconsin exhibit. But engineering and financial reasons prevented, and it has been left at the quarry until the present time. A movement is now on foot to ship it by water to Milwaukee and set it up as a memorial of the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of Wisconsin as a state. Plans and estimates have been made, and it is estimated that \$40,000 to \$50,000 will do the work. The claim is made that the stone is ten feet longer than any recorded single stone quarried in the world.

Y. M. C. A.'s Wealth.
The Young Men's Christian association has more than 250,000 members in America and its total net property is valued at over \$15,000,000.

PERSONAL.

—John Patin is in Monticello today.

—S. S. Jack is in Dalton City today.

—J. M. Pollard of Cerro Gordo transacted business in the city yesterday.

—Fred J. Joske of Macon was in the city today.

—J. W. Race left this morning for Chicago on business.

—Miss Belle McCann is visiting friends at Clinton.

—Dr. J. N. Randall is in Harriestown professionally today.

—B. B. Woodcock of Macon is in the city today on business.

—Mrs. Joseph Carrigan of Bement is visiting with Decatur friends.

—Mrs. Mary Leashy is seriously ill at her home, 844 East Orchard street.

—Will Gilkeson was seriously ill last night but is somewhat improved today.

—Miss Eva Sprague, of Blue Mound, was the guest of Decatur friends yesterday.

—Dr. W. T. Patterson and wife, of Casner, visited friends in the city yesterday.

—Miss Sadie Williamson, of Bloomington, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Stewart.

—Mrs. George Hight is in the city, the guest of C. H. Failing and family, 1004 North Church street.

—J. H. Brownack has returned from Mobile, Ala., where he visited with his family who are spending the winter there.

—Mrs. John Welty and Mrs. A. C. Evans of Cerro Gordo, were the guests of Decatur friends yesterday.

—United States Commissioner Brown of Springfield is in the city today to attend the funeral of Captain W. J. Brown.

—Miss May Mills and Mrs. J. G. Badenhausen returned yesterday from a visit at Ann Arbor, Mich.

—The Hon. Thomas Cooper and wife, who were here to attend the Augustine Johnson wedding last evening, returned to their home at Pekin this morning.

—Mrs. Vesta R. Torrey, who has been the guest of Decatur friends for several days returned this morning to her home at Springfield.

—J. P. Morse and George Flisk, who have been at New Orleans, La., for several months past, returned home this morning.

—Mrs. S. S. Jack left this morning for Pittsburg, Pa., in response to a telegram announcing the death of a niece at that place yesterday. Mrs. Jack will make a brief visit and will return home next week.

—Mrs. W. F. Neisler, who had an operation performed some time ago at St. Mary's hospital, is rapidly improving. She is still quite ill, however, and will not be able to leave the hospital for several weeks.

—Dr. Wyatt, of Peoria, Franklin L. Johnson, Mrs. L. A. Fuller, Miss Jessie Howes, Miss Carrie Pitcher of St. Louis, and J. H. Cooper, of Elliott, Ill., guests at the Augustine-Johnson wedding, returned to their respective homes today.

—L. C. King, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. King, returned to his duties as telegraph operator in the Wabash offices at Litchfield yesterday after a visit of two days with his parents.

—Rev. Father M. J. Maoken, who has been in the city on account of the illness of his brother, Very Rev. Father P. J. Maoken, left this morning for his home in Chicago. Father Maoken's condition is gradually improving.

—Mrs. O. A. Ewing and daughter, Emma, and Mrs. H. L. Oldham and daughter, left this morning for Chicago, where they will visit. Mrs. Oldham will also visit friends at Rock Island before returning home.

Masonic.

Special convocation of Macon Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., this evening at 7:30 for work in R. A. A. M. Werner, H. P.; W. I. Lowry, Secretary.

Gold Ready to Come.

New York, Feb. 25.—Two million dollars in gold has been engaged for import by France and England and other importations are in prospect.

Horse Sale To-Morrow.

Rakestraw and Patterson will hold a big sale of fine horses tomorrow at Macon. About 40 head of fine horses are to be sold.

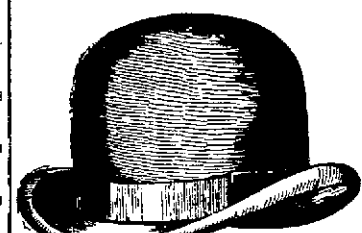
The Danville Mutual Fire Insurance company will call for a receiver. The reported assets are \$45,494.78, and the liabilities \$57,185.70.

Martin M. Travis, 86 years old, a pioneer resident of Belle Prairie, died very suddenly.

Wonders Never Cease.

No one need suffer the tortures of rheumatism, because that modern liniment, Salvation Oil, positively cures it. "I was a great sufferer from sciatic rheumatism, and the best of doctors attended me without relief. I commenced using Salvation Oil, and two bottles helped me wonderfully. It certainly has worked wonders with me. Mrs. E. J. Phelps, Box 28, Enfield, Conn." Salvation Oil is for sale by all dealers for 25 cts. Take no substitute.

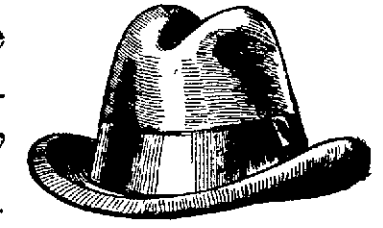
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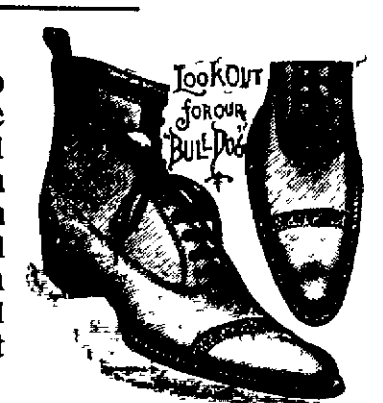
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Endeavor Social.

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor society of the First M. E. church will give a social this evening in the lecture room of the church. An interesting program has been prepared and everybody is invited.

Wedded.

William H. Snell, one of the business men of Blue Mound and Miss Cornelia Jarvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jarvis, were united in marriage at the bride's home at Moweaqua Wednesday evening. Rev. J. B. Rogers of the Baptist church, performed the ceremony.

Wilber's Home Bakery.

We have just moved into this old familiar stand where with increased facilities, we shall be prepared to furnish not only our many old friends, but hope to serve many new ones. Our goods are all strictly home made and we spare no pains to have them equal to or better than any in the city. You are cordially invited to call and see us.

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The Revival Services.

The revival meetings at the Christian tabernacle are being well attended. Services are held every night and a great deal of interest is being manifested. Rev. George F. Hall, the pastor, is managing the meetings and Evangelist Coombs is doing the preaching.

Sure War With Spain

Is what everybody predicts, but a sure thing is what you can get for your Sunday meal in season: Strawberries, Radishes, Pie Plant, Cauliflower, Tomatoes, Asparagus, Cucumbers, Leaf Lettuce, Head Lettuce, Oyster Plant, Michigan and California Celery, Springs, Ducks, Turkeys, Broilers. Call up 344 Old and New phones, and always get latest bulletins. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co. 2d

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All persons having Personal Tax against them on the tax books for 1897, have been mailed a card stating the amount for the same. You are requested to call at my office and pay the same and save additional costs.

Bring your postal cards with you. Leave your receipts for last year in order to expediate the finding of property.

Office open evenings until 9 o'clock. LANDY H. MARTIN, Collector.

WHY Go to Mattoon.

Secretary T. W. Stewart of the Y. M. C. A. goes to Mattoon tomorrow to take part in a big Y. M. C. A. rally which will be held at that place on Sunday. All of the churches will be supplied with speakers from the membership of the association and the day will be given up to the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Stewart will deliver two addresses during the day.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food/drink to take the place of coffee, sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O adds digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a brain tonic, and children as well as adults can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 1/2 as much as coffee. Price 15c and 25c.

CLUB FEDERATION

Women of Congressional District United.

DECATUR'S WARM GREETING

Address of Welcome by Mrs. V. N. Hostetler—Discussions of Able Papers—Reports from Clubs in the District.

At the Decatur Woman's club rooms today was organized a district federation of woman's clubs. The district comprises Menard, Macon, Christian, Logan and Sangamon counties. The different woman's clubs and independent organizations of women in the district were represented by the delegates as follows:

Mrs. E. S. Walker, Woman's club, Every Wednesday club, Springfield.

Miss Dora Raso, Tuesday club, Pana.

Miss Mary Voorhies and Besse Young, Musical Culture club, Decatur.

Mrs. C. S. Gastman, art class, Decatur.

Mrs. L. M. Castle, Woman's club, Springfield.

Mrs. N. E. Pogram, Woman's club, Lincoln.

Mrs. Alice Wells, Mrs. J. E. King, Woman's club, Decatur.

Mrs. Hunt of the Sorosis club of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Carson of the Woman's club of Madison, Wis., were also present and the courtesies of the club were extended to them in the discussions.

ADDRESSES.

The morning exercises were opened by an address of welcome from Mrs. V. N. Hostetler, president of Decatur Woman's club. This was followed by the reports of the delegates of the clubs represented.

Mrs. J. S. King of the Decatur Woman's club gave an excellent and comprehensive review of the Decatur club in which she reviewed the work and growth of the club since its organization by Mrs. Mary Haworth in 1887.

Mrs. Castle of the Woman's club of Springfield gave a paper in which she brought forth some ideas as to the work of the clubs in smaller towns. She said: "Almost the only difference now existing between the village and the metropolis is their attitude towards Woman's clubs. For in some rural districts there is still a prejudice against them and they are only tolerated and not successful after they are thoroughly understood. The clubs in smaller towns have drawbacks which are never encountered in the club work of the city. There is a great need of free libraries, but in many of the small towns steps are being taken to fill this need and with success, and libraries are being established and owe their existence to the influence of the Woman's clubs. The same principles are promulgated in all clubs, whether in the rural village or the heart of the large cities and the same results are sought and all efforts are to the same end. The step which is of great importance to all clubs and especially the club of the smaller town is federation. The personal contact with others which is the result of federation is to be sought everywhere."

This paper was followed by a discussion of the subject, led by Mrs. Arnold of Illinois, giving an imaginary organization of a club for a small town with a program. Reports were then heard from the Every Wednesday club and the Woman's club of Springfield, the Tuesday club of Pana, the Woman's club and the Daughters of the American Revolution of Lincoln, and the Musical Culture club and Art class of Decatur. Encouraging remarks were made by Mrs. Alice Wells and the benefits of district organization were set forth in a paper by Mrs. E. S. Walker of the Springfield Woman's club, which was one of the most enjoyable papers given. In speaking of some of the benefits to be derived from district federation Mrs. Walker said:

"Each club finds its place in a federation like the individual in her own club and it behooves us in the 17th district to make a high record. Women are constantly broadening and club life has been responsible for the change. We recognize the fact that no woman's club can prosper that does not hold together, yet we must adhere to the motto of our national federation, 'Unity is Diversity,' not in the narrow sense that refuses to listen to criticism and repels progress, but in the broader meaning, welcoming any change for the better. The benefits derived from federated clubs in every phase of progress is universally great. The interchange of ideas, thoughts, experiences which is made possible by federation, is one of the most important features of club life."

Following this paper there was a discussion of the subject and after the reports of enrollment were heard the meeting was adjourned until afternoon. The meeting was convened at 1:30, and the organization effected.

FEDERATION OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Alice Wells, Decatur Woman's club.

Vice Presidents—Mrs. E. B. Shumway, Springfield Woman's club; Mrs. E. A. Saffely, Springfield Every Wednesday club; Miss Raymond, Pana Tuesday club; Mrs. A. D. Cadwalder, Lincoln.

club; Mrs. A. Ella L. Bevans, Decatur Woman's club.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Dora Raso, Pana.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. T. Summers, Decatur Woman's club.

INTERESTING TOPICS.

The paper by Mrs. Mary Haworth was on the "Benefits of Organization." She said: After years of discussion and hard work by leaders and thinkers the idea generally prevails that organization is both beneficial and necessary to the best welfare of religious denominations, social clubs and political bodies, and among the results of such conclusions in which we, as representatives of the Woman's clubs, are interested, examples are not lacking to those familiar with the work of general and state federations.

The Decatur Woman's club has ever believed that growth should be upward. Growing itself from a neighborhood organization it invited others to join and going yet further extended invitations to the women of the different townships in the county. Those who availed themselves of the invitation have proved the movement was on in the right direction.

We have now extended the invitation to all the Woman's clubs in the district and feel especially proud that we have the capital city with its strong clubs among the number, and we hope that whatever gerrymandering may be done in the future that we shall retain them in the same district. The Woman's clubs of the district, feeling the benefit of organization and of the uplifting influences the contact with one another has brought forth, looks forward to the time when there will be a Woman's club in every township in the state and the relaxation thus derived from the monotony of arduous household duties may reduce the per cent of farm wives which crowd our insane asylums.

Organization makes us more tolerant of each other's ideas where we chance to differ, more charitable, more broad. One of the chief benefits of organization is reciprocity. Not all are endowed with the same talents and the benefit in exchange of ideas cannot be estimated. Mrs. Haworth closed with a beautiful tribute to the queen or organizers and diplomats, Frances E. Willard.

Mrs. Eugenia Bacon's subject was, "Helps and Hindrances to Club Growth." She said in part:

Women of the end of this 19th century are divided into two classes, those who are club members and those who are not, and the influence of the club work has developed into the speed and almost irresistible force of an avalanche.

To build up a club you will give sincere loyalty to the club and its objects, with fullest realization of its fundamental purposes. Loyalty to your club will give it a claim on your affections. Whatever builds up causes rejoicing and whatever is detrimental causes pain. You will want to be a power in your club, to come in with intelligence and sympathy and alive to all undertakings. You will not confuse the work of your club with other organizations nor introduce anything foreign to your line of work as it has been mapped out. Since you belong to a democratic organization you will come in contact with those of different inclinations and pursuits. The social woman will not look such a butterfly in club dress with high collar and long sleeves; the more studious will not be looked upon as bluestockings and dowdies. In club life you will cultivate a spirit of fairness, there will be an exchange, a taking in and giving out without fear of hurt. You will say, what you mean and all you mean and give your neighbors equal opportunity to be heard. Only with clear thinking, concise speaking and patient listening can your object of being heard be gained.

In large gatherings where all questions are discussed with freedom of speech and feeling there must be perfect control of temper and perfect frankness in differences. This spirit if not censorious will serve to build up. Excesses and extremes must be guarded against. Care will be taken to prove the falsity of the charge that a woman cannot be a consistent club member and a good housekeeper. The charge is unfounded, for in reality never in the history of the world were women so capable as housekeepers and mothers as now. The very executive ability which makes a woman a good club member makes her methodical enough to plan for a little time to devote to her own improvement.

It is usually customary to hold those in authority responsible for failure in the work of the club, but there are deeper reasons and each one will feel a personal responsibility. A good election of officers greatly facilitates the work. There is no higher honor than to hold the high positions of trust and responsibility in the club, but this honor should not be lightly assumed.

A great many suggestions could be given as to methods that would prove a hindrance to the success of the club; irregularity in attendance; tell everyone you meet that the club is constantly going on the downward grade, etc., but I will touch lightly on those points.

In summing up the general suggestions for the upbuilding of a club—keep a cheerful temper and look on the best side of everything. Do not think over the little things or the great things, our associates are not familiar with our sensitive points and the effacing thoughts will leave us free to go on without allowing ourselves to be disturbed.

Bring your best thoughts and share them with others and declare that nothing could tempt you to give up membership in the club.

CITY NEWS.

The Garver Case Goes to the Jury.

DEATH OF A. W. HEATING

Passed Away in the State of Kansas—Pitzlin's Class Is Growing Rapidly.

The case of Mrs. Diehl vs. David M. Garver, which has been in the circuit court since last Monday, came to a close this afternoon and went to the jury. David M. Garver is the administrator of the estate of David M. Garver, Sr., and Mrs. Diehl was suing him for \$2000, which she claims is due her for caring for Mr. Garver during his final illness. The attorneys have made their closing arguments and the case went to the jury this afternoon.

DIED IN KANSAS.

Message Received Here To-Day Announcing Death of A. W. Heating.

A telegram was received in this city today announcing the death of A. W. Heating at Wichita, Kan. Mr. Heating was formerly a farmer living near Long Creek and was also at one time a resident of Decatur. He was a son-in-law of A. B. Camp of Long Creek and was well known in this county. His death was caused by consumption. His health had been failing for some time. About three years ago he came to Decatur and engaged in the grocery business on West Decatur street. He sold out his grocery business and last winter was in Colorado. He returned to Decatur but his health gradually grew worse and he went to Wichita, Kan., about three months ago in the hope that the climate would be a benefit to him. He leaves no children. Mr. Heating's wife was with him at the time of his death and also R. S. Strouse, a young man who was formerly in his employ.

Mrs. Heating and Mr. Strouse will arrive in Decatur with the remains Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The body will be taken to Long Creek for burial.

CLASS IS GROWING.

Prof. and Mrs. Pitzlin Will Soon be Ready for the Pupils.

Prof. and Mrs. P. J. Pitzlin, who are guests at the Arcade, will soon be ready to begin giving instructions to classes in athletic exercise. The professor, who was in Decatur in the summer of 1895, had two large classes, and now he has nearly 25 old and new pupils on his list. He is every inch a gentleman and a teacher of acknowledged ability, commended by physicians of Chicago and all the leading cities of the west. The formation of the class will be a great boon to business and office men who as all do know do not get the health-giving exercise all men require to give proper play to the muscles and give to each gratifying elasticity. Many young men and men in middle life have joined the class. The professor gives instruction in Indian club swinging, dumb bell exercise, fencing, respiration exercises, scientific boxing and bag punching; in fact all of the exercises recognized in the Y. M. C. A. and standard gymnastics of the country.

Mrs. Pitzlin will give lessons in Delsarte club swinging, dumb bell exercise and fencing. She will form classes for ladies and children.

Lenten Facts.

That you are permitted to eat the following: Fresh Trout, White, Red Snapper, Black Bass, Crappie, Cat, Smelt, Coddish, Blue Fish, Scallops, Pickered, Buffalo, Boned Herring, last but not least those delicacies, Blue Point Shell Oysters, all of which can be had for the asking of Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Tel. 344, old and new.—38d-1w

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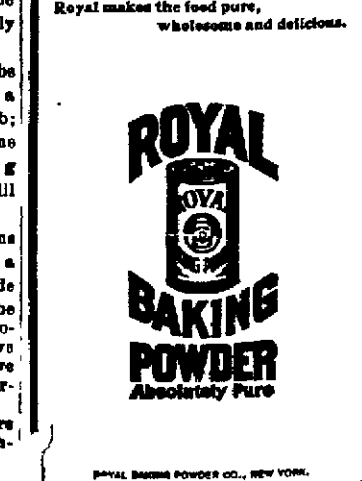
Andrew Hill expects to go to Omaha, Neb., with his perpetual motion machine and exhibit it at the big exposition which is to be held in that city beginning the 1st of May. He will leave some time in April.

At Detroit. Key West, Fla., Feb. 26.—The cruiser Detroit arrived today from Mobile and proceeded to take coal.

Spanish Honor Again. Official Statement that There are No Mines or Torpedoes in the Harbor.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The statement by the Spanish charge d'affaires, Du Bose, sent out by the Associated Press last night to the effect that no mines, torpedoes or submarine defenses of any kind are inside or outside of Havana harbor, was laid before our government today by Senator Du Bose. It may be said in this connection that this information is the result of a suggestion by the Associated Press to Senator Du Bose that in view of the positive statements about such submarine defenses, the facts ought to be known. Accepting this view Du Bose made inquiries by cable from sources capable of giving the exact facts and the statement is as above received by him last night and communicated to the Associated Press. Senator Du Bose wanted it understood that it is a bare statement of

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HAVANA, MADRID

Spanish Cabinet Meeting Imminent

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Admiral Sicard, in Command of the West—Waiting for

Secretary Long Will Continue Department--Will Not Give Information in Brief--The Matter Raised--Court of

Washington, Feb. 26.—Secretary Long enjoyed a sound sleep last night, the first he has had for some time, and in consequence he felt so much refreshed this morning that he decided to abandon his proposed absence from the navy department and continue on duty. He said he thought things were looking much better. The public ought not to be under any misapprehension regarding naval movements. So far they have mostly been of ordinary dispositions. The movements of some warships, such as the Detroit and Marblehead, towards Key West, have already been shown to have been in accordance with orders not only made but published in newspapers before the Maine disaster.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS? The attention of naval officers has been strongly attracted to the statement made by representatives of the Spanish government to the effect that there are no mines or torpedoes of any kind in Havana harbor. It can be said that this statement exactly agrees with inquiries that have been under way many months by the agents of our government, for, so far, it is said, they have been unable to find the slightest evidence of existence of any plans of defense in the harbor by means of mines or torpedoes. Of course the effect of this statement, if it is to be accepted, is negative to the supposition that the disaster resulted from other than accidental causes, as almost the unanimous testimony of experts is to the effect that no single torpedo of any kind known could have caused the terrific wreck of the Maine.

Proctor at Havana. Havana, Feb. 26.—Senator Proctor of Vermont arrived this morning. He says his coming has no political significance. He is accompanied by a Washington real estate man and they have given out that they are engaged in a business venture.

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